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## **CLAIMS**

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

1	1. A method for managing process control in a graphical user interface, the
2	method comprising the steps of:
3	displaying a plurality of objects on a graphical user interface, each of the
4	objects corresponding to one or more steps in a sequential process;
5	in response to the proper object in the sequential process being selected and
6	the corresponding step being successfully completed, visually distinguishing the
7	object to indicate that the corresponding step has been successfully completed; and
8	in response to one of the objects corresponding to a previously completed step
9	being selected and successfully completed, performing the following steps:
10	determining whether any other previously completed steps are
11	dependent on the changes made in the previously completed step; and
12	visually distinguishing the objects corresponding to the other
13	previously completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the other previously completed steps are
- 2 completed again in a predefined order.

1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of visually distinguishing

- 2 the objects corresponding to the other previously completed steps to indicate that they
- 3 have been completed.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of:
- 2 visually distinguishing the object to indicate that the corresponding step has
- 3 been successfully completed; and
- 4 visually distinguishing the objects corresponding to the other previously
- 5 completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again;
- 6 comprise displaying another object adjacent to the object.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of:
- 2 visually distinguishing the object to indicate that the corresponding step has
- 3 been successfully completed; and
- 4 visually distinguishing the objects corresponding to the other previously
- 5 completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again;
- 6 comprise modifying the display of the object.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps in the sequential process are related
- 2 to controlling an automatic x-ray inspection system configured to detect
- 3 manufacturing defects in printed circuit boards.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of successfully completing

- 2 the corresponding steps in the sequential process.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the step of successfully completing the
- 2 corresponding steps in the sequential process occurs via a separate window of the
- 3 graphical user interface.
- 1 9. A computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium for managing
- 2 process control in a graphical user interface, the computer program comprising logic
- 3 configured to:
- display a plurality of objects on a graphical user interface, each of the objects
- 5 corresponding to one or more steps in a sequential process;
- 6 in response to the proper object in the sequential process being selected and
- 7 the corresponding step being successfully completed, visually distinguish the object to
- 8 indicate that the corresponding step has been successfully completed; and
- 9 in response to one of the objects corresponding to a previously completed step
- being selected and successfully completed, perform the following steps:
- determine whether any other previously completed steps are dependent
- on the changes made in the previously completed step; and
- 13 visually distinguish the objects corresponding to the other previously
- completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again.

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- 1 10. The computer program of claim 9, wherein the logic is further configured to
- 2 enable a user to complete the other previously completed steps again in a predefined
- 3 order.
- 1 11. The computer program of claim 9, wherein the logic is further configured to
- 2 visually distinguish the objects corresponding to the other previously completed steps,
- 3 after they have been successfully completed again, to indicate that they have been
- 4 completed again.
- 1 12. The computer program of claim 9, wherein the logic is further configured to:
- 2 visually distinguish the object to indicate that the corresponding step has been
- 3 successfully completed and visually distinguish the objects corresponding to the other
- 4 previously completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again by
- 5 displaying another object adjacent to the corresponding object.
- 1 13. The computer program of claim 9, wherein the logic is further configured to:
- 2 visually distinguish the object to indicate that the corresponding step has been
- 3 successfully completed and visually distinguish the objects corresponding to the other
- 4 previously completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again by
- 5 modifying the display of the corresponding object.

1	14.	The computer program of claim 9, wherein the steps in the sequential process
2	are re	lated to controlling an automatic x-ray inspection system configured to detect

3 manufacturing defects in printed circuit boards.

1	15.	A system for managing process control in a graphical user interface, the
2	system	comprising:

logic configured to:

display a plurality of objects on a graphical user interface, each of the objects corresponding to one or more steps in a sequential process;

in response to the proper object in the sequential process being selected and the corresponding step being successfully completed, visually distinguish the object to indicate that the corresponding step has been successfully completed; and

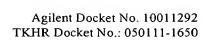
in response to one of the objects corresponding to a previously completed step being selected and successfully completed, perform the following steps:

determine whether any other previously completed steps are dependent on the changes made in the previously completed step; and

visually distinguish the objects corresponding to the other previously completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again; a processing device configured to implement the logic; and a display device configured to support the graphical user interface.

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- 1 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the logic is further configured to enable a
- 2 user to complete the other previously completed steps again in a predefined order.
- 1 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the logic is further configured to visually
- 2 distinguish the objects corresponding to the other previously completed steps, after-
- 3 they have been successfully completed again, to indicate that they have been
- 4 completed again.
- 1 18. The system of claim 15, wherein the logic is further configured to:
- 2 visually distinguish the object to indicate that the corresponding step has been
- 3 successfully completed and visually distinguish the objects corresponding to the other
- 4 previously completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again by
- 5 displaying another object adjacent to the corresponding object.
- 1 19. The system of claim 15, wherein the logic is further configured to:
- 2 visually distinguish the object to indicate that the corresponding step has been
- 3 successfully completed and visually distinguish the objects corresponding to the other
- 4 previously completed steps to indicate that they are to be completed again by
- 5 modifying the display of the corresponding object.



- 1 20. The computer program of claim 15, wherein the steps in the sequential process
- 2 are related to controlling an automatic x-ray inspection system configured to detect
- 3 manufacturing defects in printed circuit boards.